UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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GULINO, ET AL.,

        Plaintiffs,

        -against-

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY
OF NEW YORK,

        Defendant.
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96-CV-8414 (KMW)

ORDER

KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge:

On May 20, 2014, this case was referred to Special Master John Siffert pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(a)(1)(B) and this Court's inherent equitable powers and authority. (ECF Nos. 435, 524.) On March 5, 2020, Special Master Siffert filed a Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), recommending this Court adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Pedro Nieves, enter the Proposed Judgment submitted with the R&R, and certify the Proposed Judgment as final and appealable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b). (ECF No. 4673.)

The parties agree that objections that have been preserved in the record do not need to be resubmitted to the Court in connection with this R&R. The parties further agree that the Court may adopt or reject the R&R on the basis of the arguments and objections to rulings contained in the record.

As set forth in the Second Amended Order of Appointment and consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(f), the Court reviews *de novo* all objections to conclusions of law and findings of fact made or recommended by the Special Master. (ECF No. 524.) Upon *de novo* review of the R&R, as well as the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions Law—and after

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reviewing the previous Interim R&Rs that this Court has already adopted—the Court adopts the

Special Master's R&R in its entirety.

Accordingly, the Court will enter the Proposed Judgment. For the reasons set forth in the

R&R, the Court holds there is no just reason for delay and certifies the judgment for Pedro

Nieves final and appealable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b).

Dated: New York, New York
March 12, 2020

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KIMBA M. WOOD
United States District Judge